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SUBJ: PRESIDENT KHAMA ON WESTERN INITIATIVES IN NAMIBIA AND  
ZIMBABWE

1. JUNE 20 DAILY NEWS CARRIED HEADLINE REPORT OF PRESIDENT  
KHAMA'S SPEECH OF PRECEEDING WEEK AT COMMONWEALTH ROYAL CENTER  
IN LONDON.

2. AMONG OTHER THINGS, KHAMA MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. INASMUCH AS THE HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM OF APARTHEID  
AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION WAS NOT MERELY A PREOCCUPATION OF  
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THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA BUT OF GREAT CONCERN TO THE INTER-  
NATIONAL COMMUNITY, THE GOB SUPPORTED THE INITIATIVE OF THE  
FIVE WESTERN POWERS IN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOUTH  
AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ON THE FUTURE OF NAMIBIA. HE SAID HE HOPED  
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY COULD PREVAIL UPON SOUTH AFRICA  
TO ABANDON VIOLENCE AND RESPECT THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE  
BLACK MAJORITY IN NAMIBIA.

B. ON RHODESIA, THE PRESIDENT SAID "A CONCERTED EFFORT BY THE UK AND AMERICA HAS GREATER CHANCE OF FINDING THE SOLUTION WE ALL SEEK TO THE TERRITORY'S PROBLEM THAN IF THE UK WERE TO GO IT ALONE". HE SAID THAT THE ARMED STRUGGLE SHOULD BE MAINTAINED IN ORDER TO COMPLEMENT THE NEGOTIATIONS. ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA SHOULD BE MAINTAINED, TIGHTENED AND EXPANDED.

C. UNLESS WESTERN POWERS TIGHTENED THEIR LEGISLATION AGAINST OIL COMPANIES, OR THEIR SUBSIDIARIES IN SOUTH AFRICA WHICH SELL OIL TO RHODESIA, THE SMITH REGIME WILL CONTINUE TO DELUDE ITSELF INTO THINKING THAT IT STILL HAS FRIENDS IN THE WEST.

D. SOUTH AFRICA IS THE MOST INTRANSIGENT OF ALL SANCTION BUSTERS AND UNLESS IT IS STARVED OF THE SURPLUS OIL AND OTHER COMODITIES WHICH IT CAN AFFORD TO PASS ON TO RHODESIA, THE SMITH REGIME WILL CONTINUE TO FIND NO REASON TO COME TO TERMS WITH REALITY.

E. THE PRESIDENT CONCLUDED: "I AM ONLY WORRIED THAT THE TIME WILL SOON COME WHEN AFRICANS WILL START TO QUESTION THE MORALITY AND VALUE AND PRIORITIES OF THE WEST AND EVEN DOUBT THE GENUINENESS OF THE FRIENDSHIP WHICH THE WEST HAS ALWAYS EXPRESSED FOR AFRICA."

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3. COMMENT: CONCERNING 2(D), EMBASSY WONDERS IF KHAMA HAS GIVEN FULL THOUGHT TO POSSIBLE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR BOTSWANA WERE SOUTH AFRICA TO BE "STARVED" OF ITS SURPLUS EXPORTABLE OIL AND OTHER COMMODITIES.

4. KHAMA'S LONDON REMARKS ARE FURTHER AND PUBLIC CONFIRMATION OF THE HOPEFUL AND SUPPORTIVE ATTITUDE WHICH THE GOB HAS ALWAYS TAKEN TOWARD THE WESTERN INITIATIVES FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS IN NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA.  
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